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CAUSE NO. 42846

VERIFIED PETITION OF NORTHERN)
INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC)
INDUSTRIAL POWER SERVICE CONTRACT)
WITH BETA STEEL CORPORATION FOR)
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL)
PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAID)
CONTRACT)

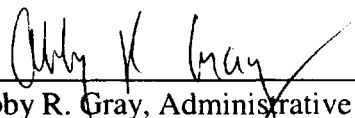
You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On April 26, 2005, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") filed its Petition ("Petition") in this Cause. In its Petition, the Petitioner indicates that certain information that it intends to submit in this matter, contains trade secrets ("Confidential Information") as that term is defined under Indiana Code 24-2-3-2. Information containing trade secrets is excepted from public disclosure under Indiana Code 5-14-3-4(a)(4).

170 I.A.C. 1-1.1-4 governs the submission of confidential or privileged information to the Commission, and requires the applicant to apply for a finding by the Commission that the information is confidential. The application must be accompanied by the sworn statement or testimony of a party that describes: 1) the nature of the confidential information; 2) the reasons why the information should be treated as confidential pursuant to I.C. 8-1-2-29 and I.C. 5-14-3; and, 3) the efforts the party has made to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

The Presiding Officer, having considered Petitioner's request and accompanying Testimony, finds there is sufficient basis for determination that the Confidential Information should be held as confidential by the Commission on a preliminary basis. Accordingly, Petitioner shall hand deliver the Confidential Information to the Presiding Administrative Law Judge. The Confidential Information should be on light green paper, in a sealed envelope clearly marked confidential with the Cause No. noted thereon, and will be treated as confidential on a preliminary basis and excepted from public disclosure in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-3.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Date: May 19, 2005